## Hertzian Dipole Radiation

#### Reminder

The Four Maxwell Equations in Vacuum:

- (a)  $\nabla \mathbf{E} = \rho/\varepsilon_{o}$  (b)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dot{\mathbf{B}}$
- (c)  $\nabla \mathbf{B} = 0$  (d)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \dot{\mathbf{E}} / c^2$

We have proven  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  and on the other hand, derive from (b):

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dot{\mathbf{B}} = -\nabla \times \dot{\mathbf{A}} \implies \mathbf{E} = -\dot{\mathbf{A}}$$

Equations for the general relation between fields (E, B) and potentials (V, A) are given by:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\underline{\dot{\mathbf{A}}} - \underline{\nabla}\underline{V}$$
<sup>[1]</sup>

In an Dynamic Electrostatic State

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$
[2]

To find the dependence of V and A on time and space, let us substitute the general expressions, [1] and [2], in Maxwell Equation (d):

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{A}} = \nabla (\nabla \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 A = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{(-\dot{A} - \nabla V)}_{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla \dot{V}}{c^2}$$

Rearranging equations:

$$\nabla^{2}\mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{c^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial t^{2}}\mathbf{A} = \mu_{o}\mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{c^{2}}\frac{\partial V}{\partial t})$$
<sup>[3]</sup>

In order to satisfy both the static ( $\dot{V} = \dot{A} = 0$ ) and the dynamic states, the right-hand side element in parentheses in equation [3] must be equal to zero:

$$\nabla \mathbf{A} = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$
 Which is called the Lorenz gauge

Thus far, we examined what happens to A. Now what about V? Let us substitute [1] in (a) and get:

$$\nabla \mathbf{E} = - \underbrace{\nabla \dot{\mathbf{A}}}_{\text{dynamic}} - \underbrace{\nabla^2 V}_{\text{state}} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

According to [4] (the Lorenz gauge criterion), we substitute  $-\nabla \dot{\mathbf{A}}$  in  $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2}$  and find that the d'Alembertian (\_) for V and A are:

$$\Box^{2} \mathbf{V} \equiv \nabla^{2} \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{c^{2}} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{V}}{\partial t^{2}} = -\rho / \varepsilon_{0}$$
<sup>[5]</sup>

$$\Box^{2} \mathbf{A} \equiv \nabla^{2} A - \frac{1}{c^{2}} \frac{\partial^{2} A}{\partial t^{2}} = -\mu_{0} J$$
<sup>[6]</sup>

These are the general solutions for potentials A and V.

In vacuum,  $\rho = J = 0$  and thus, equations [5] and [6] satisfy the wave equations for V and A as found for E and B.

Equations [5] and [6] fully satisfy the static state as well, that is to say,  $\dot{A} = \dot{V} = 0$ . Then, we get the solutions for stationary charge and constant current:

$$\nabla^2 V = -\rho / \varepsilon_0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 A = -\mu_0 J$$

which is in agreement with the symmetry between A and V:

$$V = \int_{\tau} \frac{\rho d\tau}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 R} \mathbf{A} = \int_{\tau} \frac{\mu_0 \mathbf{J} d\tau}{4\pi R}$$

[4]

# **Retarded Potentials**

Equations [5] and [6] demonstrate that in dynamic states ( $\rho$  and J are time dependent), potentials propagate in vacuum at the speed of light, and indeed, movement of a charge from some source point (point of origin) will cause disturbances in potential to reach distance r over timeT = t - r/c.

That is to say, over time  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{r}/\mathbf{c}$  from the initial movement of a charge, the disturbance will propagate distance r. Therefore, under these circumstances each function  $f(\mathbf{r},t)$  is converted to  $f(\mathbf{r},T) = f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{r/c})$ 

Thus, we say that change in potential at point r is delayed at a rate of r/c (in vacuum), i.e.

$$V = \int \frac{\rho(R',t)d\tau'}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r} \to \int \frac{\rho(R',t-r/c)d\tau'}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r} \equiv [Retarted V]$$
[7]

$$A = \int \frac{\mu_0 J(R', t) d\tau'}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r} \to \int \frac{\mu_0 J(R', t - r / c) d\tau}{4\pi r} \equiv [Retarted A]$$
[8]

The summation is in the current space, and so is done according to R'.

From the definition of f(r,t) it follows that:

$$\frac{\frac{T}{\partial r}}{\frac{\partial r}{\partial r}}f(r,t-\frac{r}{c}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial T}\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = \dot{f}(-\frac{1}{c}) = -\frac{\dot{f}}{c}$$

[9]

This equality will be used later.

Now, having the tools to examine the Hertzian dipole, we will follow this sequence:

- 1. derivation of A
- 2. derivation of V from A using Lorentz Gauge
- 3. derivation of E and B using A and V

The following diagram presents an electric dipole antenna:



The changes over time in the electrical dipole which result from the flow of charge along the antenna are:

$$\dot{P} = \dot{Q}dl = Idl$$

(Current in antenna or generation of spark between the two poles)

Let us calculate A for a wire of dl length using equation [8]

Remember that:

$$A = \oint_{I} \frac{\mu_{0} I dl}{4\pi r} \quad \text{Than:}$$

$$[A] = \frac{\mu_{0} [I] dl}{4\pi r} = \frac{\mu_{0} [\dot{P}]}{4\pi r} \qquad [10]$$

According to the figure,  $\dot{A}$  (in direction of  $\hat{P}$ , which remains constant in our exercise) has two possible elements in the plane  $\bar{r} \leftrightarrow \overline{P}$ :

$$Ar = \frac{\mu_0[\dot{P}]\cos\theta}{4\pi r} \qquad A_\theta = -\frac{\mu_0[\dot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi r}$$
<sup>[11]</sup>

The (-) sign, in the expression  $A_{\!_{\theta,}}$  originates in the relation to the axes and the direction of  $\hat{P}$  as determined in the figure.

And now, to derive V from A, we will use the Lorenz gauge criterion, that is:

$$\nabla \cdot A = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

 $abla \cdot A$  is determined by Equation A.15 (spherical coordinates) in the Equations Appendix that you received.  $A_r$   $A_ heta$ 

$$\nabla \cdot A = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [r^2 (\frac{\mu_o[\dot{P}]\cos\theta}{4\pi r})] + \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} [-\frac{\mu_o[\dot{P}]}{4\pi r}\sin\theta\sin\theta] =$$
  
From [9]:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} f(r, t - \frac{r}{c}) = -\frac{\dot{f}}{c} \longrightarrow \{\frac{\partial \dot{P}}{\partial r} (t - r/c) = \frac{\partial [\dot{P}]}{\partial T} \bullet \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = -[\ddot{P}]/c$ 

$$= \frac{\mu_{0} \cos \theta}{4\pi r^{2}} ([\dot{P}] + \frac{\hat{\partial}[\ddot{P}]}{\partial r}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} (-\frac{\mu_{0}[\dot{P}] 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{4\pi r}) =$$

$$= \frac{\mu_{0} \cos \theta}{4\pi} (\frac{[\dot{P}]}{r^{2}} - \frac{[\ddot{P}]}{rc}) - \frac{\mu_{0} \cos \theta}{4\pi} (\frac{2[\dot{P}]}{r^{2}}) =$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{\mu_{0} \cos \theta}{4\pi} (\frac{[\dot{P}]}{r^{2}} + \frac{[\ddot{P}]}{rc}) = -\frac{1}{c^{2}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial t}{dt}}$$
[12]

According to Lorentz gauge criterion

In order to derive V from Equation [12] we will integrate by time and get

$$V = \frac{c^2 \mu_0 \cos\theta}{4\pi} \left(\frac{[P]}{r^2} + \frac{[\dot{P}]}{rc}\right) = \frac{\cos\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \left(\frac{[P]}{r^2} + \frac{[\dot{P}]}{rc}\right) = V$$
[13]

Now, having calculated A [11] and V [13], which, by their placement into Equations [1] and [2], will facilitate derivation of E and B

# I. Calculation of E

Equation [1] yields:

 $E = -\overline{A} - \overline{\nabla} V =$ 

$$= \underbrace{-\frac{\dot{A}}{4\pi} \frac{\cos\theta[\ddot{P}]}{r}\hat{r}}_{r} + \frac{\mu_{0}\sin\theta}{4\pi} \frac{[\ddot{P}]}{r}\hat{\theta}}_{r} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}}_{cs\theta}}_{\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}} + \frac{-cr(\ddot{P})/c - [\dot{P}]c}{r^{2}c^{2}})\hat{r} + \frac{(-\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}cos\theta)}{(-\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}cos\theta)}}_{\frac{1}{r}} + \frac{-\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial V}{\partial\theta}}{r^{2}\theta}}_{\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta}} + [grad_{\phi}V = 0] =$$

The elements cancel out

Arranging the elements by falling powers of 1/r gives:

$$= \left[\frac{2[P]\cos\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^3}\hat{r} + \frac{[P]\sin\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^3}\hat{\theta}\right]$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{2[\dot{P}]\cos\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2 c}}_{r^2 c} \hat{r} + \underbrace{\frac{[\dot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2 c}}_{r^2 c} \hat{\theta}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{[\ddot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 rc^2}}_{Erad}\hat{\theta}$$
[14]

+

Electrical field of static dipole which decays by  $1/r^3 \label{eq:electrical}$ 

Induction field. dependent on current I [P] originating from stable current in antenna Decays by  $1/r^2$ , as expected with the field of a wire (proportional to speed of charge)

This is the component of the radiation field proportional to the acceleration of the charge and perpendicular to  $\hat{r}$ ). It exists in far fields, since  $E \propto 1/r$  (far field range  $r >> \lambda$ ).

### **II. Calculation of B**

From Eq. [2] we get  $B = \nabla \times A$ . And now, since  $A_{\phi} = 0$  (see Eq. [11]) and the independence from  $\phi$ , necessitates  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = 0$ , then in executing CurlA, only the Curl element remains in direction  $\hat{\phi}$  and thus, the direction of B is determined, that is  $B_{\phi} = (\nabla \times A)_{\phi}$ .

By means of Eq A.16 from the Equations Appendix, we find:

$$B_{\phi} = (\nabla \times A)_{\phi} = \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial (rA_{\phi})}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial Ar}{\partial \theta} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\overline{B} = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{r(-\mu_{0}[\dot{P}]\sin\theta)}{4\pi r} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\mu_{0}[\dot{P}]\cos\theta}{4\pi r} \right) \right] \hat{\phi} =$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\mu_{0}[\ddot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi r} + \frac{\mu_{0}[\dot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi r^{2}} \right] \phi = \overline{B}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( rA_{\theta} \right) - \frac{\partial A_{\theta}}{\partial r} \right) \hat{\phi}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( rA_{\theta} \right) - \frac{\partial A_{r}}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{\phi}$$

The magnetic radiation field proportional to charge acceleration and exists when  $r >> \lambda_{.}$ 

Induction field. Field Magnetic induction field proportional to speed of charge, to current. We see that in near field that is to say very close to the dipole (where the higher powers are dominant) is where the electrostatic dipole field exists ( $\propto 1/r^3$ ) while B=0, and indeed corresponds with electrostatic charge distribution.

In slightly more distant fields, the induction field is manifested – the near field in which E and B exist as fields derived from quasi static currents. In the far fields only the radiation fields remain and they satisfy the condition for TEM electromagnetic fields, since  $\overline{E}$  is perpendicular to  $\overline{B}$  and both are perpendicular to  $\hat{r}$ .

#### Calculation of the ratio E/H – vacuum impedance

$$\frac{E}{H} = \frac{E}{B/\mu_0} = [c \cdot \mu_0] \frac{\varepsilon_o}{\varepsilon_0} \xrightarrow{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0 = 1/c^2} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0 c} =$$



$$\frac{J}{C^2/\sec} = \frac{J}{C \cdot C/\sec} = \frac{V}{I} = \Omega$$

<u>Units</u>

J – Joule

C – Coulomb

A – Ampere

#### The relationship between Erad and Brad (the electric and magnetic radiation fields)

Let us compare the radiation fields E and B by converting  $\mu_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0 c^2}$  in equation [15] for Brad and get:

$$Erad = \frac{[\ddot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 rc^2}\hat{\theta} \quad ; \ Brad = \frac{[\ddot{P}]\sin\theta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 rc^3}\hat{\varphi}$$
<sup>[16]</sup>



It can be concluded from [16] that at distance r where only the radiation field exists

A. 
$$Brad = \frac{Erad}{c}$$

B.  $Erad \perp Brad$ 

c. 
$$N = E \times H = \frac{[\ddot{P}]^2 \sin^2 \theta}{16\pi^2 \varepsilon_0 \mu_0 c^5} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{[\ddot{P}]^2 \sin^2 \theta}{16\pi^2 c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

(as mentioned, N is defined as surface density of the radiation power or the Power density=PD).

D. Total radiation power

$$Power = \oint_{s} N \cdot dS = \oint_{volume} \left( \frac{[\ddot{P}]^{2} \sin^{2} \theta}{16\pi^{2} \varepsilon_{0} c^{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{r^{2}} \right) r^{2} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi =$$

$$= \frac{[\ddot{P}]^{2} \cdot 2\pi}{16\pi^{2} \varepsilon_{0} c^{3}} \bullet \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^{3} \theta d\theta}{16\pi^{2} \varepsilon_{0} c^{3}} =$$

$$= \frac{2[\ddot{P}]^{2}}{3(4\pi \varepsilon_{0})c^{3}} \xrightarrow{\left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0} c^{2}} = \mu_{0} \right]} = \frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi^{2} 3c} = Power$$

E. When the current in dl (dipole antenna) is sinusoidal, then

[17]

 $[P] = [P_0] \sin \omega t$ and so:  $[\ddot{P}] = -[P_0] \omega^2 \sin \omega t = -\omega^2 [P]$ and therefore:  $[\ddot{P}]^2 = \omega^4 [P]^2 = \omega^4 [P_0]^2 \sin^2 \omega t$ whereas time averaging gives  $(\langle \sin^2 \omega t \rangle = \frac{1}{2})$  $\omega^4 [P, I^2]$ 

$$<[\ddot{P}]^{2}>_{t} = \frac{\omega^{4}[P_{0}]^{2}}{2} = \omega^{4}P^{2}_{rms}$$
[18]

The average radiation power over time from a radiating dipole can be acquired by substituting [18] into [17] which yields:

Intensity 
$$I \equiv \langle P_{\text{Power}} \rangle_{t} = \frac{\omega^{4} [P_{0}]^{2}}{3(4\pi\varepsilon_{0})c^{3}} = \frac{2\omega^{4}P^{2}_{rms}}{3(4\pi\varepsilon_{0})c^{3}} = \frac{\omega^{4}P^{2}_{rms}}{6\pi\varepsilon_{0}c^{3}}$$
[19]

From Equation [19] we learn that radiation intensity of an antenna is proportional to the fourth power of radiation frequency (the current in the antenna).

## **Dependence of Radiation Intensity on Dipole Current**

$$P = Qdl \rightarrow |\dot{P} = Idl$$

If  $I = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$ , then

$$\ddot{P} = \dot{I}dl = -\omega I_{0} (sin \,\omega t) dl$$

and therefore:

$$[\ddot{P}]^{2} = |I_{0}^{2}\omega^{2}\sin^{2}(\omega t)dl^{2}$$

$$< [\ddot{P}]^{2} >_{t} = I_{0}^{2}\omega^{2}dl^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = I_{0}^{2}(2\pi f)^{2}dl^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 4\pi^{2}f^{2}dl^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}I_{0}^{2} =$$

$$= 4\pi^{2}f^{2}dl^{2}I^{2}rms$$
[20]

Let us substitute in the power expression [17] the value  $\langle [P]^2 \rangle_t$  which we obtained in [20]

$$< [Power] >_{t} = < \left(\frac{2[\ddot{P}]^{2}}{3 \cdot 4\pi\varepsilon_{0}c^{3}}\right) >_{t} = \frac{2 \cdot 4\pi^{2}f^{2}dl^{2} \cdot I^{2}{}_{rms}}{3 \cdot 4\pi\varepsilon_{0}c^{2} \cdot c} = \frac{f^{2}}{\frac{f^{2}}{c^{2}} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}}}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{3\varepsilon_{0}c} \left(\frac{dl}{\lambda}\right)^{2} I^{2}{}_{rms}$$

Therefore, the average power over time can be expressed in terms of dipole current, dipole length and transmitted wavelength as given by

Intensity(
$$I_{rms}, \lambda, dl$$
) =  $\langle Power \rangle_t = \frac{2\pi}{3\varepsilon_0 c} \left(\frac{dl}{\lambda}\right)^2 I^2_{rms}$  [21]